## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 2, line 8, as follows.

Further, this application discloses subject matter related to the subject matter disclosed in the following co-assigned United States Patent Applications, each of which is incorporated herein by reference: Method and Apparatus for Providing Reliable Communications in an Intelligent Network, filed January 12, 2000, Serial No.: 09/481,910, now U.S. Patent 6,535,991, (Docket Number: RIC-99-051); in the names of: John K. Gallant, Cathleen A. McMurry, Robert H. Barnhouse, Steven R. Donovan, and Terry A. Caterisano; Method and Apparatus for Providing Real-Time Call Processing Services in an Intelligent Network, filed October 20, 1999, Serial No.: 09/421,827, now U.S. Patent 6,393,481, (Docket Number: COS-98-016), in the names of: Ajay P. Deo, Henry Wang, Sami Syed, and Wendy Wong; Intelligent Call Processing System for a Telecommunications Network (Next Generation Intelligent Network (NGIN)), filed October 19, 1999, Serial No.: 09/420,666, now U.S. Patent 6,363,411, (Docket Number: COS-98-006), in the names of: Ajay P. Deo, Alan Holmes, Andrew Dugan, Kenneth Fischer, Sami Syed, Terence A. Robb, and Wendy Wong; Method and Apparatus for Supporting ATM Services in an Intelligent Network, filed October 19, 1999, Serial No.: 09/420,657 (Docket Number: COS-98-033), in the names of: Andrew Dugan, David E. McDysan, and Sami Syed; and Method and Apparatus for Managing Resources in an Intelligent Network, filed October 19, 1999, Scrial No.: 09/420,655 (Docket Number: COS 98 030), in the names of: Alan Holmes, Andrew Dugan, Kelvin Porter, and Terence A. Robb.